

# **EXHIBIT 48**

Letter dated March 3, 1934 to Walker River Indian Business  
Committee from Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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JOHN COLLIER, JOHN  
TO Supt. WALKER R.  
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Walker River Indian Business Committee,  
c/o Superintendent Walker River Indian Agency,  
Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 24 enclosing copies of recent communications relative to the proposed re-opening by the defendants of the Walker River adjudication suit.

In this connection it may be stated we had already been advised as to the action of the defendants, and appropriate steps have been taken looking to the protection of the Indians' interests. You may be assured that it is not the intention of the United States to abandon or jeopardize the prior rights claimed by the United States and as set up in the pleadings. The reservoir which it is proposed to construct with Public Works funds is considered necessary regardless of the quantity of water which may be decreed the Indian lands. Its principal purpose is as a stabilization reservoir to regulate and control the flow of the Walker River.

Your interest and prompt action in bringing this matter to our attention is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John Collier  
Commissioner

Copy to L. M. Holt, Supervising Engineer.  
Copy to Superintendent Walker River Agency.

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